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NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF the Club will be held in the Club House on THURSDAY, the 10th March, 1898, at 5 P.M. for the purpose set forth in the notice posted in the Hall of the Club.

By Order,

C. H. GRACE, Secretary.

Hongkong, March 3, 1898.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE TWELFTH YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF the Club will be held in the Club House on THURSDAY, 10th March, 1898, at the conclusion of the Extraordinary General Meeting called for 6 p.m., on the same day.

By Order,

C. H. GRACE, Secretary.

Hongkong, March 3, 1898.

THE CHINA MANILA S. S. CO., LIMITED.

THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, PRINCE STREET, VICTORIA, on MONDAY, the 21st March, 1898, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1897, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 31st March, both days inclusive.

By Order,

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, March 1, 1898.

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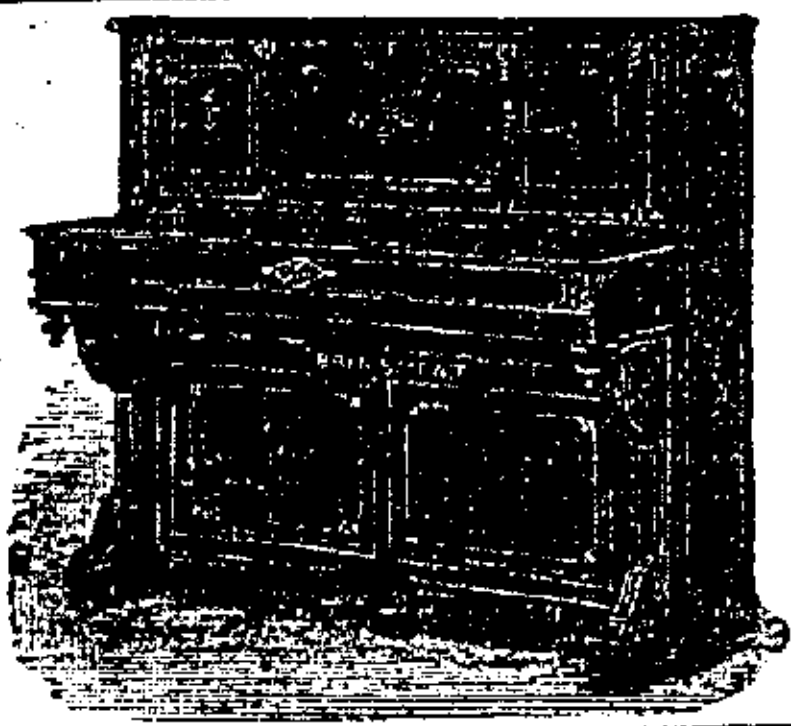
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YOKOHAMA, Kobe & Yokohama, E. P. Bishop, Daylight, 6th March.

SHANGHAI, N.K.I., Kobe & Yokohama, S. G. D. Andrews, R.N., 7th March.

SHANGHAI, Chosen, E. Street, About 18th March.

LONDON, &c., Bengal, L. M. Wheeler, R.N., Noon, 10th March.

SHANGHAI, N.K.I., Kobe & Yokohama, R. L. Haddock, R.N., 19th March.

LONDON, Japan, T. Leigh, About 19th March.

YOKOHAMA, Kobe & Yokohama, S. D. B. Lockyer, R.N., 20th March.

LONDON, Socotra, J. Paine, R.N., About 2nd April.

LONDON, Socotra, F. C. A. Lyon, R.N., About 6th April.

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JARDINE, MATHEWS & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, February 18, 1898.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned FIRMS have THIS DAY been Amalgamated and will in future carry on the Business under the Name and Style of SANDER, WILSON & Co. All Assets and Liabilities of the Former Firm have been taken over by the New Firm.

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Hongkong, March 4, 1898.

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THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FOURTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, PRINCE STREET, VICTORIA, on MONDAY, the 7th March, at Twelve o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1897, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 7th March, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, February 21, 1898.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, PRINCE STREET, VICTORIA, on MONDAY, the 1st March, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1897, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 31st March, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, March 1, 1898.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, PRINCE STREET, VICTORIA, on MONDAY, the 1st March, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1897, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 31st March, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, March 1, 1898.

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higher level, and presenting a portion of the same to the Jubilee Committee for the Victoria Hospital. We have not here, gentle figures, for obvious reasons, but we feel convinced the arrangement suggested would pay the Government, and at the same time fulfil all the requirements of the subscribers to the Jubilee Fund. This suggestion is not made without a fair estimate being made as to cost, but with the conviction that it will, upon careful consideration, prove to be the best way out of the present doubtful position of our Jubilee Committee.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

STEAMERS PASSED SUZ CANAL.
(SUFFLED THROUGH RAUERS.)

OUTWARD BOUND:—Ogash, Jan. 14
Deonshire, 18; Zenus, 25; Giesels, An-
apa, 28; Eurygia, 31; Houskome
Feb. 4; Menelaus, Alton, Laborious
Kowale, 11; Rose Castle, 16
Khangsho, Monmouthshire, Odong, Simon
Munila, Monmouthshire, Odong, Simon
daluiss, Avila, 16; England, Bore-
head, St. Mary, Wally, 22; Salmae
Queen Olga, Queen Margaret, 29; Puck-
dora, Antenor, Gendie, St. Andrews
March 1; Porosus, Macduff, Edinburgh
Prisma, Glenelgh, Bugh, 4

HOMEWARD BOUND:—Corten, Jan. 21
Sith, 28; Fernhill, 31; Motown, Feb.
8; Myrmidon, Nive, 11; Suphantien
Bentley, Kriemhild, Della, 16; Preussan
22.

Moels.

The *Emp. Gr. Mail s.s. Bayern*, with the GERMAN MAIL of 7th Feb, left Singapore on Thursday, the 3rd March, at 5 p.m. and may be expected here on or about Tuesday evening, the 8th March.

The O. & C. Co.'s *s.s. Gadic*, with mail, left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Kamsaki and Shanghai, on the 22nd Feb.

The C. P. R. Co.'s *s.s. Empress of China*, left Vancouver on Thursday morning, the 3rd March, for Hongkong, and usual ports of call.

Steamers Expected.

The P. & O. Co.'s *s.s. Pambour*, left Singapore for this port on the 29th Feb, at 5 p.m.

The D. D. R. str. *Gerda*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 2nd March, and may be expected here on or about the 8th March.

The Ben Line's *s.s. Berwick*, from Antwerp and London, left Singapore on the 3rd March, for this port.

The S. P. Co.'s *s.s. Bremen* sailed from Tacoma, for Hongkong and Japan, on the 28th Feb.

The N. P. Co.'s *s.s. Mount* sailed from Portland on the 15th Feb, for Japan and Hongkong.

The H. & L. str. *Andalusia* passed Suva Canal on the 15th Feb, and may be expected here on the 15th March.

The *s.s. Boravia*, left Borneo.

here about the 18th March.

The C. M. Co.'s str. *Oolong*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 17th Feb., and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 10th March.

The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. *Mazagon*, left Bombay for this port on the 26th Feb. last.

The s.s. *Kutsum* from Calcutta, and the Strickland Singapore, for this port on the 28th March.

The S. S. Co.'s str. *Gloucester*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore on 3rd March, and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 9th March.

The A. & S. s.s. *Menmaru*, from Sydney and the Port Darwin, on the 10th March for Timor and this port.

Latest Arrivals.

The P. M. Co.'s s.s. *City of Rio Janeiro*, with mails &c., from San Francisco, with the 12th Feb., via Honolulu and San Francisco, and will leave for this port on the morning of 6th March, via Island Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

The P. M. Co.'s s.s. *City of Peking*, with mails &c., left San Francisco to the 13th Feb., via Honolulu, Island Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 8th March.

The Australian Lloyd's s.s. *Maria Victoria* left Kobe for this port on the afternoon of the 5th March.

CHURCH SERVICE
UNION CHURCH—SUNDAY, MARCH 6.

11 a. m.—Voluntary, "Blessed is He"
Macfarren; Hymns, 146, 338 and 438;
Anthem, "God is a Spirit," Smart;
Psalm, 76, Leman. Voluntary,
G. Leeman.

6 p. m.—Voluntary, "Hail, O Sacred
Gonrod," Psalm, 100; Hymns, 338,
389, 392 and 379; Voluntary, "San-
tus," Spohr.

ix his share report, dated Horgrove,
March 5, Mr. Erich Georg writes:—
since during the week under review he
has been pretty lively, nearly all stocks and
commodities have been in a rising
tendency, in several cases showing
substantial advance on last week's

Shanghai bank shares, advanced to 126 per cent. prem. cash, sales to the North, and during the early part of the week a further general inquiry for the stock drove the cash rate up to 126 per cent. prem. but this has also been paid for, and the end of the month. Although a rather large business has been put through in this stock, but the anxiety of some holders of time buyers to realize profits made, caused the market to become rather unsettled last week, and shows cash hands again as low as 122 per cent. prem. for delivery at end of the month as at 103 per cent. prem. for delivery at end of April. The closing cash rate is sales at 122 per cent. prem. while there has been sales today at 103 per cent. prem. for delivery at end of the month, and for delivery at end of April, the London rate is 2 1/2. Nationals are offered at \$17, without exceeding standards.

Local Companies, 6 Pianos to Chicago March 25, 1897, 1000 81-82
Shanghai Bank Company

THE performance of the sacred cantata, *Ruth*, advertised for to-night at the Union Church, has been postponed, owing to the indisposition of some of the singers.

At the Supreme Court, yesterday, the evidence was concluded in the Admiralty suit *Ms Tok v. s.s. Haikan*, and after hearing the address of counsel his Lordship the Chief Justice reserved judgment.

On the voyage from Hongkong to Along Bay, the *Bayard* took soundings of the various harbours in Hainan. There are now three French warships off Hainan—*Decartes*, *Surprise*, and *Albatre*.

The man named Eric Kirk, who gave himself up to the Police as a deserter from the 10th Lincolnshire Regiment, while that regiment was at Singapore, in 1894, was brought up at the Magistrate yesterday, and no application having been made by the military authorities for the man, he was discharged.

The P. and O. steamer *Sunda*, which arrived to-day, brought on from Singapore the 38th Co. R.A. to Hongkong. The following officers accompany the details:—Major Close, Lieut. Lewis, Lieut. Campbell, Captain Warren, Sergeant-Major Stoker, Q-M-S. Lowry. There are 98 non-commissioned officers and men.

Detractive Sergeant Gidley, and a party of Police raided a house at 30 Aberdeen Street last night, and arrested seventeen people gambling. At the Magistrate to-day, Commander Hastings found the first two prisoners \$25 each, with the alternative of three months' imprisonment, and imposed a penalty of \$3 on each of the others, in default fourteen days' imprisonment. All the prisoners, with the exception of the second prisoner, paid their fines.

The delay in the arrival of H.M.S. *Centurion* is explained by the fact that she remained outside the harbour yesterday for torpedo practice. The *Centurion*, which has newly been commissioned, left to-day for a cruise. On Monday, H.M.S. *Powerful* leaves for the North. The *Barfleur*, sister ship to the *Centurion*, arrived at Singapore yesterday. The two Russian warships, *Navarin* and *Sissoi Vitzky*, were to have taken over a thousand tons of coal at Penang, at a handsome figure. The Russian cruiser *Rosin* left for Nagasaki this morning.

A correspondent who has the interests of prospective shareholders in the Japan Insurance Co., Ltd. at heart, sends us the following cutting from *The Review*:—"Upon the figures it would look as if the shareholders of the Lion would be considerably better off if they sold their business to another company, closed the office, and realized their assets. They have been getting 3 per cent. per annum on their capital for now some years, which is only half the interest which can be realized on their investments. Why pay \$3000 a year for the privilege of holding shares in the Lion Fire Insurance Company? There can be only one answer to this, and that is: that the sooner the shareholders realize their true interests, they will take immediate steps to retire from competing with other companies on the terms and conditions as revealed in the report before us."

M. Roume, director of the French Colonial Department, a position analogous to a permanent secretaryship in our Departmental offices, had been devoting several weeks to a thorough investigation of the condition of affairs in the neighbouring French Colonies. He is expected to pay a flying visit to North China and Japan before returning to Europe, and may be expected to make a sufficiently long stay in Hongkong to enable him to compare the English methods of colonial administration with the French. "After devoting some time to Tonkin, M. Roume returned to Saigon, but left once again for the frontier province. Accompanied by Messrs. Legarde and Salame, he visited Langson and Lungchow to examine the work on the new railway in that region and made an official visit upon Marshal Sou. At the border town of Namquan the party was met by a Chinese escort sent by the Marshal. M. Bertrand, civil engineer, here joined the party, and gave interesting geographical information to the travellers with regard to the Province of Kwangsi. M. Roume remained a night at Pin-shang, and arrived on the 23rd Feb. at Lungchow. He was saluted by salvoes from the Chinese forts along the route. Of the following day visits were exchanged between M. Roume, Marshal Sou, the Tao-tai, the Prefect and the President of the Commission on Chinese Railways. The interview was of a cordial nature, and at night Marshal Sou gave a dinner to the members of the French Consul, Dr. Thomson, and the chief mandarins of the town of Lungchow. The host gave the toast of 'la belle France, friendly relations between the two countries,' and the Governor-General, by whom he had been so well received at Hanoi recently. M. Roume made a very happy speech in reply. Early on the following morning, Marshal Sou and his staff visited his guests and wished M. Roume bon voyage. On Sunday, the travellers arrived at Langson delighted with their journey. M. Roume, on his return, went to see the coal mines at Hongay. It is expected that M. Roume will return to France with a very favourable impression of Tonkin, and one of our French contemporaries says it will be a good thing for the Colony to have in the Colonial Department a member who can speak of Tonkin from an eye-witness knowledge.

Inspectors Hennessey and Mann, and Sergeant Hall and Ford, who retire from the Police Force on pension left to-day by the English mail steamer *Cornwall*.

The German cruiser *Deutschland* and *Gefion* are expected to arrive in Hongkong on Tuesday next. We understand that the reception to Prince Henry in the Club Germania will be of a private nature.

After a debate on the conviction of (Zola), the French Chamber of Deputies passed a vote of confidence in the Government by 410 votes to 41. M. Méline, coloured the French army, and said the country would accept the verdict.

L'Extreme Orient, dealing with the subject of railways in Tonkin, advocates immediate progress in this work to counteract the loss of revenue consequent on the imposition of the new duties. Our contemporary formulates a scheme for light railways over short distances.

Mr. Erich Georg hears that the China Sugar Refinery Co. will pay a final dividend of \$10 per share (making in all 14 per cent. for 1897) while a substantial sum, \$75,000, will be written off plant, &c., that \$140,000 will be set aside as a reserve for equalization of future dividends, and that about \$16,000 will be carried forward to new account.

At last the *Victor Emanuel* and *Princess Charlotte* figure-heads are in association on shore, having through the influence of Commodore Holland been brought together, and they will pass the remainder of their days in a reserved spot in the Naval Yard. The figure-head of the *Princess Charlotte* lay for a number of years at the Park. It will be remembered that those two figure-heads were the subject of an amusing official correspondence last year between Sir William Robinson and Commodore Swinton C. Holland. The old *Victor* is gradually being depleted of her stores, and we learn it is the intention of the Naval authorities to sell the vessel as soon as all the required fittings have been transferred.

'FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR. That, amid all the rumours of war and gatherings of the fleets, it is clear the local Branch of the Navy League is doing its 'level best' to inform the Home public about what's what.

That this result is, in a certain measure, owing to the fact that an energetic man, who knows what is really required, is now the President of the League. That the troops in garrison have lately been exercised in defending from attack the various positions on the Island allotted to them.

That the orders issued in connection with these manoeuvres have been so framed (so I hear) as almost to preclude the possibility of success on the part of the forces attacking.

That, in spite of all precautions, the attacking forces on several occasions have been successful.

That from this fact (if it be so) it may be argued that, should the Navy be even temporarily alerted from the neighbourhood, or should the command of the sea be lost for even a week, the present Garrison would be insufficient to prevent this valuable Colony and base from being seized.

That the remarks, while proving that the Garrison should be increased, it was increased to-day, as to Artillery, by the *Sunda*—also conclusively supports every thing the local Branch of the Navy League has been saying.

That I took upon the discussion as to the present position of the Colony can only extract much amusement from letters (anecdotal and otherwise) which appear.

That the new Post Office should take eight years to build, must of course be included amongst those statements in the ironical 'not' column.

That one thing has struck me of late concerning traffic, and that is, the continuous stream of passengers from the temporary Pedder's Wharf towards the Clock Tower centre.

That when the new and improved central public wharf of Pedder's name is built, it will be a public disgrace if the Post Office be removed from that central position to a corner, however well occupied by mercantile offices, or however 'eared.'

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

(Supplied to the 'China Mail'.)

LONDON, 3rd March, 1898.
GREAT BRITAIN AND THE POWERS IN CHINA.
The Standard states that the Government is negotiating with Russia and Germany with a view to the embodiment in a formal diplomatic document in the character of an international agreement, of their assurances regarding China.

PARLIAMENT.—UGANDA.
In a debate on Uganda, Mr. Curzon said that it was proposed to maintain a battalion of 700 Sudanese, a battalion of Sepoys, and 400 Indian troops at Uganda. He said further that a thorough enquiry would be made into the grievances of the Sudanese, and that Major Macdonald was entirely blameless.

The Europeans are safe in the impregnable fort of Kampala.

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

The twelfth ordinary annual general meeting of the shareholders in the Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., was held to-day in the Registered Offices of the Company. Mr. Hart Back presided. The other gentlemen present were:—Messrs H. Humphreys, J. H. Jupp, G. C. Cox, A. H. Manelli, C. S. Sharp, D. L. Sutton, Captain Clements, and W. Taylor.

The notice convening the meeting having been read, The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, I will with your permission adopt the usual custom, and take the report and statement of accounts as read. "Although our dividend for 1897 is 6 per cent. instead of 7 per cent., as in recent years, I think you will agree with me that the accounts show a decided improvement, inasmuch as we are enabled to pay a fair dividend to our shareholders from earnings, without encroaching on our Reserve. The Hong Kong office, on average over 1896, of \$137,000, and over 1895 of \$96,245.66, and will of course gradually increase year by year until all our property is developed and built over. I do not think I can hold any more of a statement of property, and in the dividend until that has taken place, because we are expending large sums in building operations all the time, and it is hardly necessary for me to tell you while these building operations are going on the Company gets to return for its money and as a matter of fact out of pocket to the extent of the Crown Taxes. Our principal work during the year under review has been the development of our Kowloon property. In our last report we informed you that we were building 8 houses at Kowloon and expected they would be ready for occupation in September. We have now completed the last lot, and passed two days later by the Sanitary Board, and as they were all let from the day of completion, the Company will get the benefit of ten months' rents on this second lot of ten houses. In the first and second lot, we have built 8 similar houses in Granville Avenue. 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